Which denominations are primarily amillennial?

Most traditional “magisterial” churches are functionally or formally amillennial, with premillennialism concentrated more in conservative evangelical and Pentecostal movements.[1] [2]

Historic catholic traditions

- The Roman Catholic Church teaches an Augustinian, non-chiliast reading of Revelation 20 and explicitly rejects a literal thousand-year earthly reign after Christ’s return, which is essentially an amillennial position.[2] [1]
- The Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox churches likewise understand the “millennium” symbolically and have long held non-chiliast, amillennial-type eschatologies as their mainstream view.[1] [2]

Major Protestant families

- Lutheran churches historically rejected chiliasm in the Augsburg Confession and have commonly taught an amillennial reading in which the “millennial reign” is identified with Christ’s present reign and the church age.[3] [1]
- Reformed and Presbyterian traditions (continental Reformed and many Presbyterian bodies) have widely adopted amillennialism as the majority eschatological position, especially in confessional circles influenced by Augustine, Bavinck, Vos, Berkhof, Hoekema, and others.[4] [5] [1]
- Many Anglican and Methodist churches, especially in their older, mainline expressions, lean amillennial or otherwise non-literal about a future thousand-year earthly kingdom, even when they do not use the label explicitly.[3] [1]

Anabaptist and Restorationist groups

- Historic “Plain” Anabaptist groups such as the Amish, Old Order Mennonites, and Conservative Mennonites have traditionally held amillennial views, seeing no distinct future earthly millennium separate from the final judgment and new creation.[2] [1]
- Among Restorationist churches, amillennialism is common in the Churches of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and related Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, where Revelation 20 is generally taken non-literally.[1] [2]

Other Protestant pockets

- Certain Baptist groupings, such as the Association of Grace Baptist Churches in England and various Reformed/Calvinistic Baptist circles, are predominantly amillennial, even though many global Baptist and Pentecostal churches remain strongly premillennial.[6] [3] [1]
- Overall, amillennialism has been the dominant eschatology through much of church history (roughly from Augustine through the Reformation) and today remains standard in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, and much of Reformed/Presbyterian and mainline Protestant life.[7] [2] [1]

If you want, a follow-up could map specific confessions (e.g., Augsburg, Westminster, Three Forms of Unity, Catechism of the Catholic Church) to their implicit or explicit amillennial commitments.

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